THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) As reported by the Delhi Development Authority *construction* of houses has not started in the following six cooperative house building societies:—

1. New Ashoka Cooperative House Building Society.
2. Dera Ghazi Khan C.H.B.S.
3. Shakti C.H.B.S.
4. State Bank of India C.H.B.S.
5. Kailash C.H.B.S.
6. Maulana Azad C.H.B.S.

In these cases building activities are yet to be released by the DDA because these societies have not yet completed the development work. As soon as the development work is completed to the satisfaction of the Authority, the building activities will be released.

(b) Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, *vide* Section 32 enjoins upon the Registrar, Cooperative Societies to appoint an Administrator in all cases where the Managing committee persistently defaults in performance of duties cast on it by law.

Reduction in capacity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

*244. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have asked the Central Government not to implement the proposed reduction in the capacity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) and (b) In a letter dated 22-2-1986, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh referred to press reports stating that Government of India have decided to reduce investment in Visakhapatnam Steel Project by Rs. 1500 crore with a corresponding reduction of plant capacity from 3.4 million tonnes to 3 million tonnes. He requested that the capacity should not be reduced.

The Chief Minister has been informed that a revised rationalised concept which has been formulated for implementing the project in a more economically viable manner, is under examination of the Government. *According to this concept,* the hot metal capacity will remain the same at 3.4 million tonnes per annum but there would be a marginal reduction in liquid steel capacity from 3.4 million tonnes to 3.0 million tonnes. However, the total saleable iron and steel production from the steel plant would increase from an earlier anticipated level of 3.20 million tonnes to 3.23 million tonnes per annum.

Import of Mancozeb, Karathane and Kalthane by M/S. Indofil Ltd.

*245. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Indofil have imported Mancozeb, Karathane and Kalthane of technical grade during the last two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that M/s. Indofil are not having registration under the Insecticides Act, 1968 for import of above technical grade pesticides; and

(c) if so, the authority under they which could import and what are the reasons for not taking action against them for violation of the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968 ?